

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** HB 769 CS

University Building Designations

**SPONSOR(S):** Galvano

**TIED BILLS:**

**IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1616

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REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Colleges &amp; Universities Committee</u>	<u>10 Y, 0 N, w/CS</u>	<u>Davis</u>	<u>Tilton</u>
2) <u>Governmental Operations Committee</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
3) <u>Education Appropriations Committee</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
4) <u>Education Council</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreation complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

The bill provides the following university building designations at the University of Florida and directs the university to erect suitable markers to reflect the name designations:

- the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering as the "Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory;"
- the proposed band rehearsal facility as "Steinbrenner Band Hall;"
- the building that will house the Graham Center and other programs as "Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall;" and
- the Dairy Science Building as the "L.E. 'Red' Larson Dairy Science Building."

The bill designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the "John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion" and directs Florida State University to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

The bill designates the building at the University of South Florida that will house the Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health as the "John S. Curran, M.D., Children's Health Center" and directs the University of South Florida to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

The bill designates the building at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg known as Coquina Hall as "H. William Heller Hall" and directs the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to erect suitable markers to reflect this designation.

The bill provides the following university building designations at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and directs the university to erect suitable markers to reflect the designations:

- the School of Business and Industry Building as the "Sybil C. Mobley Business Building;"
- the new Allied Health Building as the "Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building;"
- the Architecture Building as the "Walter L. Smith Architecture Building;" and
- the Archives Building as the "Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr., Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum."

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided.

**This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.**

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## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 267.062, F.S., provides that no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility can be named after a living person unless approved by law. Therefore, if a university wishes to name a particular building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

A section by section analysis of the bill follows. Biographical information was provided by the sponsors of the proposed designations.

Section 1: The bill designates the new Structures and Materials Researcher Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as the "Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

Robert O. Powell and Ann Catherine Powell have a long history with the University of Florida. The couple met at the university while he was in his last year in the College of Engineering and she was pursuing a baccalaureate degree from the College of Education. Both of Mrs. Powell's parents, as well as Mr. Powell's brother and business partner attended the university. The couple's son and daughter-in-law also have degrees from the University of Florida.

Mr. Powell is vice president and secretary of Powell Brothers Barge Terminal, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. He is a member of the Rotary Club as well as several other organizations. In 1997, Mr. Powell was named a Broward County Gator Club Distinguished Alumnus.

In recognition of her civic efforts, Mrs. Powell earned the Virginia S. Young Award from the Juliette Gordon Low Society. She is also a board member of the Museum of Discovery and Science. Mrs. Powell currently participates in volunteer efforts with the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Powells have been members of the University of Florida's President's Council since 1993 and were honorees at the President's Council Weekend in 1993. They recently served in the University Foundation's *It's Performance that Counts* Broward County campaign committee. The couple, along with Steve and Carol Powell, donated \$3 million to help establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History, which opened to the public in January 1998.

Section 2: The bill designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as "Steinbrenner Band Hall" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

George Steinbrenner is a longtime Tampa-area Bull Gator and an enthusiast of band music. He played in the marching band at Culver Academy, a military academy in Indiana. In 2000, he and his wife made a substantial donation to Ohio State University, her alma mater, to help build a band center named for her at Ohio Stadium.

Mr. Steinbrenner is the head of the American Shipbuilding Company and the principal owner of the New York Yankees baseball team. He is the founder of the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations,

which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He is currently a member of the University of Florida's President's Council and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the University of Florida Foundation Board. He was elected to the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and chosen to give the keynote address at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995.

Mr. Steinbrenner made a substantial contribution to the University of Florida for the new band rehearsal facility. In recognition of his donation, the University of Florida Board of Trustees approved the naming of the facility in his honor. The first phase of construction of the facility is scheduled to begin this spring.

Section 3: The bill designates the building that will house the Bob Graham Center for Public Service and other programs at the University of Florida as "Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers to read "Pugh Hall."

Jim Pugh earned his baccalaureate degree in building construction from the University of Florida in 1963. Upon graduating from the university, Mr. Pugh served as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger for three years. He is the owner of Epoch Properties, which is a company that builds hotels, time shares, and rental housing nationwide. Mr. Pugh is also the chairman of Epoch Management, a real estate management firm.

In 2004, Mr. Pugh was recognized as one of the "Most Influential Floridians" by *Florida Trend* magazine and in 2005, the *Orlando Business Journal* named him the "Most Influential Businessman."

Mr. Pugh's dedication to civic service is evidenced by his involvement with the Orlando Utilities Commission, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Board, and the Orange County chapter of the UF Alumni Association.

Jim and Alexis Pugh donated \$5 million to the University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the construction of the building that will house the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. The Bob Graham Center is intended to host distinguished scholars, international leaders, and policy makers to help train students at the University of Florida for leadership in public service.

Section 4: The bill designates the Dairy Science Building at the University of Florida as the "L.E. 'Red' Larson Dairy Science Building" and directs the University of Florida to erect suitable markers.

Louis E. "Red" Larson has been a dairy farmer for more than 57 years. At age 81, he is currently the owner and president of Larson Dairy, Inc., in Okeechobee, FL.

In 2005, Mr. Larson earned the Southeastern Farmer of the Year Award at the annual Lancaster-Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, GA. He has also been elected to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame and the Dairy Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was chosen as the Dairyman of the Century and received the Olympian Dairyman Award.

Section 5: The bill designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota, FL as the "John M. McKay Visitor's Pavilion" and directs Florida State University to erect suitable markers.

John McKay graduated from Florida State University in 1971. Since then, he has dedicated his life to serving Floridians. In 1990 he was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served two consecutive terms. Senator McKay earned several awards for his leadership and service.

Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that established the affiliation between Florida State University and the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.

Section 6: The bill designates the building at the University of South Florida that will house the Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health as the "John S. Curran, M.D., Children's Health Center" and directs the University of South Florida to erect suitable markers.

John S. Curran graduated from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine with training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania affiliated institutions.

Dr. Curran is a charter faculty member of the University of South Florida College of Medicine. During his career at the College of Medicine, Dr. Curran has served as Vice Dean, Executive Associate Dean, Interim Associate Dean for Administration, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Pediatrics. He was the founding neonatologist at the Tampa General Hospital. He was also the Chief of Pediatrics at the hospital.

Dr. Curran is the State of Florida Neonatal Consultant for the Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Program and the Medical Director for the Tampa Bay Region for Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health. Dr. Curran also served as president of the Florida Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Curran serves as District Vice Chair for District X of the American Academy of Pediatrics (the Academy), acting as a liaison between state leaders and the Academy. He has been active on legislative initiatives regarding child health policy and the funding of Children's Medical Services.

In recognition of his role in child health financing and Medicaid initiatives, Dr. Curran was appointed to the Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Child Health Financing and advisory committees to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is Chair of the committee on Medical Schools and a member of the Council on Medical Education at the Florida Medical Association. Dr. Curran is also a member of the Medical School Section of the American Medical Association. He is endorsed by the Florida Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the University of South Florida for his work with the community of health care providers.

The bill provides that this section shall take effect upon the effective date of retirement or resignation of John S. Curran from, or the termination of his employment with, the University of South Florida.

Section 7: The bill designates the building known as Coquina Hall at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg as "H. William Heller Hall" and designates the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to erect suitable markers.

H. William Heller is a professor at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. A former Vice President of the St. Petersburg campus, Dr. Heller joined the staff of the University of South Florida in 1992. Since that time, he has been awarded more than \$18 million in grants and contracts and is currently responsible for directing, as principal investigator, projects funded in excess of \$1 million.

Dr. Heller has been awarded the Presidential Citation for Exemplary Performance as Vice-Chairman of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals as well as the Teacher Educator of the Year Award, Teaching Education Division by the Council of Exceptional Children and the Merrill Publishing Company. He was also the recipient of the 1991 E. Wallace Wallin Award by the Council for Exceptional Children. This award, the highest honor bestowed by the Council, is predicated on Excellence in leadership, service, and accomplishments in the education of children with exceptionalities. He has been awarded the United Way Alex de Tocqueville Society Volunteer Service Award, the Outstanding Service Award in Special Education by the Pioneer Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. In 2002, Dr. Heller was honored by the City of St. Petersburg for a "Decade of excellence" and August 21, 2002, was proclaimed Bill Heller Day by the City of St. Petersburg. He was recently nominated for the Outstanding Leadership Award in Special Education by the Council for Exceptional Children; the recipient will be announced in April 2006. In addition, Dr. Heller was selected by faculty to become the first recipient of the Excellence in Professional Service Award from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Dr. Heller has served in leadership roles with the Council for Exceptional Children, the American Association for Mental Retardation, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the American Association for Colleges for Teacher Education, and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. He served two terms as the head of the Faculty Council for the St. Petersburg campus and was selected by the administration to chair the committee to revise the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Strategic Plan. His professional contributions include more than 350 presentations and publications.

The bill provides that this section shall take effect upon the effective date of retirement or resignation of H. William Heller from, or the termination of his employment with, the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Section 8: The bill designates the School of Business and Industry Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building” and directs Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University to erect suitable markers.

Sybil Mobley has served Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) for more than two decades. She is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Business and Industry, a program to prepare minority students to compete internationally in the business industry.

Section 9: The bill designates the new Allied Health Building at FAMU as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building” and directs FAMU to erect suitable markers.

Dr. Margaret W. Lewis is the dean of the FAMU School of Nursing. For 13 years, she has contributed to the university’s nursing program.

Jacqueline B. Beck is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Allied Health Sciences. She has been vigilant in expanding the school’s programs and has worked to secure more than \$13 million in funding for research and academic programs.

Section 10: The bill designates the Architecture Building at FAMU as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building” and directs FAMU to erect suitable markers.

Dr. Walter Smith served as FAMU’s seventh president from 1977 to 1985. Under his leadership, FAMU was granted the authority to offer its first Doctorate of Philosophy degree. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the merging of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering. He developed the statewide conference on the Education of Blacks, which resulted in the Florida Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

Section 11: The bill designates the Archives Building at FAMU as the “Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr., Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum” and directs FAMU to erect suitable markers.

Carrie Meek was the first African American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction. She has had a successful career as a public servant, college administrator, and educator. Prior to serving in the United States Congress, Representative Meek was a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. She has dedicated her life to serving the citizens of Florida, especially minorities, elderly, children, and people with disabilities.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr. is a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at FAMU. Dr. Eaton has dedicated 42 years to FAMU as a history professor. His contributions to the university include founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected as FAMU’s “Teacher of the Year” twenty-five times and was the university’s first Distinguished Professor.

Section 12: The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

The bill does not create, repeal, or amend any statutory sections. Please refer to EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES for a section-by-section analysis of the bill.

**II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

Please see FISCAL COMMENTS.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local revenues.

2. Expenditures:

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on local expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill does not appear to have a direct economic impact on the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

There will be an insignificant impact associated with the universities erecting suitable markers for the name designations.

**III. COMMENTS**

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require a city or county to spend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

2. Other:

The bill does not appear to raise constitutional issues.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES**

On March 7, 2006, the Colleges and Universities Committee adopted amendments to HB 769. The bill was reported favorable with a Committee Substitute (CS). The CS differs from the original bill by adding the following designations:

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- The new Allied Health Building at FAMU as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building”;
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